

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5638

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SWEL, SCUL, BM  
SUBJECT: MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR LEPER COLONY

REF: (A) STATE 92231, (B) RANGOON 1641 DATED 9 MAY 1978

1. ON 27 JUNE 1978, US EMBASSY RANGOON RECEIVED REPLY FROM FATHER PO SEH CONCERNING STATUS OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH MR. JOHN KRAFSIG OF HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA. FATHER PO SEH ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIVING LETTERS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM MR. KRAFSIG UNTIL "ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF 1976". HE STATES HE HAS HEARD NOTHING SINCE THEN, AND HIS OWN LETTERS TO MR. KRAFSIG HAVE EITHER BEEN RETURNED TO HIM OR GONE UNANSWERED. FATHER PO SEH WONDERS IF HIS LETTERS EVER GET OUT OF BURMA.

2. FATHER PO SEH SUGGESTS THAT SHOULD MR. KRAFSIG DESIRE TO CONTINUE AID TO THE THAYETMYO LEPER COLONY, SUCH AID SHOULD BE SENT IN THE FORM OF MONEY RATHER THAN GOODS. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN RANGOON PRESENT INORDINATE OBSTACLES TO CLEARANCE OF ANY FOREIGN GOODS ENTERING BURMA.

U.S. EMBASSY RANGOON RECOMMENDS ANY FUTURE AID TO THE LEPER COLONY SHOULD BE CHanneled THROUGH WHO, AS OUTLINED IN REF B. FINALLY, FATHER PO SEH DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIVING THE \$150.00 MENTIONED IN REF A. IF THIS MONEY WAS SENT TO HIM AFTER MID-JULY 1976, HE HAS PROBABLY NOT BEEN INFORMED OF ITS ARRIVAL THROUGH MYANMA BANK. FYI, MYANMA BANK ON 3 JULY 1978 SAID IT HAD  
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RECEIVED NO MONEY FOR FR. PO SEH.

4. IF MR. KRAFSIG WISHES COPY OF FR. PO SEH'S LETTER, PLEASE PROVIDE U.S. EMBASSY RANGOON WITH HIS COMPLETE ADDRESS AND LETTER WILL BE MAILED.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: PARAGRAPHS NUMBERED AS RECEIVED.

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